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Statues of Abraham Lincoln

Archibald Garner

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A. Garner
2176 N. Argyle
Hollywood
California

2176 N. Argyle Ave.
Hollywood, California
June 26, 1940

Dear Mr. Warren:

I have been looking for a quotation from Lincoln and was told by Mr. Osgood Hardy of Occidental College that you would be best able to help me.

I am enclosing a photograph of a figure I am carving for the new Los Angeles Post Office and Court House. The companion figure to this is of Lincoln as a young man. The quotation is to be carved on the tablet and, as I would like to have the letters large enough to be legible for several feet, it must not be of more than twelve to fifteen words.

As to subject, I have in mind something concerning law. If possible to the effect that the whole purpose of law in a democracy is the protection of the people. If it happens that he has made no such utterance I would appreciate your suggesting other words of his on either law or democracy.

Please let me hear from you regarding this at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Archibald Garner

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July 8, 1940

Mr. A. Garner
2176 N. Argyle
Hollywood, Calif.

My dear Mr. Garner:

The delay in replying to your letter has been due to my absence from the office for a vacation period.

After having gone through the statements of Abraham Lincoln's reference to the law profession, it seems to me that the following quotation would be a very excellent one for the new Los Angeles Court House and Postoffice. It is found in the letter which Abraham Lincoln wrote to John J. Crittenden on December 22, 1869 so it is absolutely authentic. This is the quotation:

> "No law is stronger than is the public sentiment where it is to be enforced."

If this does not seem to appeal to you, kindly advise some sentiment which you might wish to use and I will try again to find something possibly more harmonious with your viewpoint.

Enclosed you will please find a photograph of our Lincoln statue which stands in front of our building here in Fort Wayne. It may give you some suggestion for your Lincoln drawing. If you are anticipating a young Lincoln, this statue is by Paul Manship and was made after much research work with reference to Lincoln's appearance as a young man and we feel it is the closest thing that we have approaching Lincoln as a youth. We would be pleased indeed to see a study of your Lincoln when it is sufficiently along for photographing.

Very truly yours,

LAW:BS

Director

May 6, 1940

Mr. W. Odom
[illegible]
Holly Pool, Texas.

My dear Mr. Odom:

Thank you for your letter
[illegible] from you to [illegible]
[illegible] Pool Meeting.

[illegible] I am sending you [illegible]
[illegible] Mr. Lindsey's [illegible]
[illegible], it seems to be [illegible]
[illegible] would be a very [illegible]
[illegible] Pool Meeting [illegible]. It
[illegible] the Lindsey Plan [illegible]
[illegible]. Will [illegible] Mr. [illegible]
[illegible] publication.

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[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

July 15, 1940

Mr. A. Warner
2170 N. Argyle
Hollywood, Calif.

Dear Mr. Warner:

In our letter of July 8 we wrote that we made a mistake in citing the date of the Crittenden letter. The correct date is December 22, 1859.

Very truly yours,

Secretary to Dr. Warren